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SUBJECT: FALL ADMINISTRATIVE ELECTIONS

1. ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, LOCAL ELECTIONS, INVOLVING ABOUT 3.6 PER CENT OF THE ITALIAN ELECTORATE, WILL BE HELD IN ALL THE TOWNS OF THE REGION OF TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE, AND IN ABOUT 130 OTHER TOWNS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT ITALY. FIVE ARE PROVINCIAL SEATS OF GOVERNMENT, BUT NONE IS A MAJOR POPULATION CENTER. THE ONLY PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION WHICH IS TO BE REELECTED IS AVELLINO (IN THE SOUTH).
 2. THE INSIGNIFICANT SIZE AND WIDE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELECTORATE PRECLUDE THAT THE RESULTS WILL FURNISH ANY RELIABLE INDICATIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE. LOCAL ISSUES AND PATRONAGE WILL BE THE PRIME DETERMINANTS OF THE RESULTS, BUT, IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING GOVERNMENT CRISIS, THE RESULTS WILL BE CERTAIN TO EXCITE MORE INTEREST THAN THEY MERIT.
 3. DC SOURCES APPEAR REASONABLY SANGUINE ABOUT THE ELECTION RESULTS, ALTHOUGH SOME FEARS ARE EXPRESSED REGARDING THE OUTCOME IN BOLZANO AND MATERA, TWO OF THE FIVE PROVINCIAL CAPITALS INVOLVED. THE ELECTION FOR THE AVELLINO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL WILL BE INTERESTING AS THE FIRST TEST OF STRENGTH BETWEEN
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FORMER MINISTER SULLO SINCE THE LATTER DEFECTED FROM THE DC TO
THE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT PARTY. PSI SOURCES EXPECT SOCIALIST GAINS,
AND THE PCI IS GENERALLY EXPECTED TO HOLD STEADY OR GAIN. VOLPE

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